26. Lucknow
27. Nanpura
28. Jaunpur
29. Faridpur
30. Moradabad
31. Muzaffar nagar
32. Saharanpur
33. Unnão
34. Chandausi
35. Bareilly
36. Sitapur
37. Agra
38. Kalpi

N.B:—Since the commissioning of an LPG distributorship is contingent on the completion of several steps and formalities, delay cannot be ruled out.

Allotment of Gas Agencies on Partnership Basis

1839. SHRI H. HANUMANTH APPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whteher it is a fact that retail outlets and Gas agencies are allotted on partnership basis;

(b) if so, whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the partnership between persons belonging to upper classes and persons belonging to SC/ST has reduced the SC/ST persons into a bonded labour in the agencies; and

(c) if so what steps the Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Under the existing policy guidelines, subject to eligibility criteria being satisfied, retail outlet and LPG dealerships can be awarded to persons who come forward to run the same as a partnership.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Petrol and diesel outlets run by benami persons

1840. SHRI H. HANUMANTH APPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the petrol and diesel outlets allotted to SC|ST people are run by Benami persons to the disadvantages of the SC|ST people; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) While no such instances have been reported to Government by the oil marketing companies, allegations in this regard are looked into for appropriate action in terms of the agreement between the dealer and the oil company concerned.

Estimate of Oil and Gas Avaliability in Wells Explored in Krishna-Godavari Basin

1841. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest estimate regarding oil and gas availability in different wells explored by ONGC in Krishna Godavari Basin so far; and

(b) what is the likely date from which the Gas from these wells could be supplied for commercial use?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) As on 1-1-86, the recoverable reserves of gas in the Krishna-Godavari basin were estimated to be 223.5 billion cubic meters. Oil reserves have not been estimated so far.

(b) Efforts are in hand to locate suitable consumers for utilisation of the gas that would be available from around the middle of 1987.

Commercial use of Natural Gas from Krishna Basin

1842. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Andhra Pradesh reluctant to use Krishna Basin gas" which appeared in News Time English daily dated 12th September, 1986;

(b) if so, whether 1.5 lakh cubic meters of natural gas can be made available for commercial application; and

(c) by what date the gas is likely to be made available to prospective entrepreneurs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) About 1.5 lakh cubic metres of gas per day is expected to be available by about the middle of 1987.

Interviews in Oil India Ltd. Duliajan

1843. SHRI NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact tha the Oil India Limited, Duliajan did not call the degree holder local candidates for interview for some posts of Engineers but called event some diploma holders from outside the state;

(b) whether some local people prevented the OIL Duliajan from holding interview for recruitment in September last; and

(c) what are the details of the points raised by the people in this conection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The local dgree holders were not called for interview as they did not possess the experience prescribed for the post. By mistake, a diploma holder was called for interview; but he was not interviewed on discovery of the mistake.

(b) and (c) Some youths blocked the gates of Oil India Limited Office preventing the employees going out. Finally interviews scheduled for 22nd, 24th and 29th September, 1986 were cancelled on law and order grounds. The demands of the local people were:

(i) to cancel the past and future interviews;

(ii) to give written assurance of cancellation;

(iii) O.I.L. to consult them before issuing employment notices and adopting procedures.

Industrial credit in industrial units

1844. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over Rs. 3774 crores of industrial credit is locked up in industrial units till now;

(b) if so, what is the total number of sick industrial units till the end of March, 1986;